

**FIVE ACRES DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Founded in 1888 as one of Los Angeles County's first orphanages, The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County, Five Acres has remained committed to caring for children and families in crisis. Five Acres continues to promote safety, well-being and permanency for children and their families by building on their strengths and empowering them within communities. As one of the oldest nonprofit organizations in Los Angeles County, Five Acres has helped more than 100,000 children and families to find healing and hope.

Five Acres provides an array of mental health, therapeutic and educational programs to abused, neglected and disadvantaged children and their families. Five Acres uses evidence-based practices in these programs, which are delivered from four sites in Altadena, Pasadena, San Dimas and El Monte:

- The residential treatment program provides intensive care to 74 children ages 6-18 who suffer from severe emotional disorders. Approximately half of residents were removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.
- A therapeutic school educates students in K-10<sup>th</sup> grade who have serious emotional, behavioral and learning disorders.
- Foster care recruits, trains and certifies foster families who open their homes and their hearts to children with exceptional needs. Intensive treatment foster care, introduced in 2008, offers emotionally disturbed children a family alternative to residential care.
- The independent living program helps emancipated foster youth make the difficult transition to independence and adulthood by providing educational and job training support.

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- Community-based mental health services are delivered to children and families in their homes and schools. The goal is to improve family functioning and keep children safe.
- Grace Center offers emergency and supportive services to victims of domestic violence.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 16, 2013, as "Five Acres Day" in Los Angeles County to commend their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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